

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-12 (cancelled)

13. (new) Clamping device (1) for telescoping tubes (3, 5), especially of poles or staffs used in sports, with a radially expandable clamping part (21) which is a hollow cylinder which has a continuous lengthwise slot (25), conical expansion bodies (17, 19) being assigned to the two ends of the clamping part (21), characterized in that the two expansion bodies (17, 19) can be moved relative to the clamping part (21), that the expansion bodies (17, 19) are screwed onto threaded sections (13, 15) of the threaded rod (11) with opposing threads, and that a threaded part (7) which has a threaded rod (11) is attached to the inner tube (3) of the telescoping tubes (3, 5).

14. (new) Clamping device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the threaded section (13) which is adjacent to the inner tube (3) has a greater diameter than the threaded section (15) which is remote from the inner tube (3).

15. (new) Clamping device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the hollow cylinder which forms the clamping part (21) has recesses (23) which proceed from its two ends.

16. (new) Clamping device as claimed in claim 15, wherein there are two recesses (23) which are diametrically opposite one another on each end of the hollow cylinder.

17. (new) Clamping device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the recesses (23) are offset by 90 degrees to one another on the ends of the hollow cylinder.

18. (new) Clamping device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the expansion bodies (17, 19) with their ends of smaller diameter engage the clamping part (21).

19. (new) Clamping device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the expansion bodies (17, 19) on their ends with the greater diameter are made to increase friction relative to the material of the outer tube (5).

20. (new) Clamping device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the hollow cylinder which forms the clamping part (21) has recesses (23) which proceed from its two ends

21. (new) Clamping device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the recesses (23) are offset by 90 degrees to one another on the ends of the hollow cylinder.